chlor, Aluminium Phosohide and Zinc Phosphide. Details of production by individual units, marketable value of different pesticides and value of imported ingredients used in production of these pesticides are not maintained.

(d) and (e) Details of imports and exports of Insecticides are published in the Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India' brought out by the Directorate General, Commercial Intelligence and Statistics, Calcutta, copies of which are available in the Parliament library.

Setting up of Claim Courts for Bhopal Gas Victims

505. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of claim courts proposed to be set up for the Bhopal gas victims;

(b) what is the number of courts that have actually started functioning and what is the number of claims that have been decided by each of these courts; and

(c) what are the reasons for delay in setting up the remaining claims court and the period by which these are likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN):

(a) to (c) 40 Courts of Deputy Commissioners are proposed to be set up for the Bhopal Gas Victims. 16 Cour!s have stalled functioning and 514 cases have been decided by thern so far. Requisite number of judicial officers are yet to be released by the High Court of Madhya Pradesh. The Welfare Commissioner has been provided with necessary powers to recruit retired persons, in case the High Court is not able to provide the .requisite number of judicial officers.

Compensation disbursed *to* Bhopal Gas Victims

506. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the process of disbursement of compensation to the Bhopal gas victims have commenced;

(b) if so, what is the amount of compensation disbursed so far; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for delay in the disbursement of compensation and by when process is likely to be commenced ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) A total of 514 cases have been decided by the Welfare Commissioner. According to the procedure devised by the Welfare Commissioner, a period of 60 days is to elapse before disbursement is made. The amount of compensation awarded is Rs. 2.18 crores.

Crisis in IDPL

507. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that IDPL has suffered accumulated losses of over Rs. 500 crores and that the production has been curtailed to only 20 per cent of the installed capacity;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a large number of IDPL employees have been relieved under voluntary retirement scheme;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) what are the reasons for the crisis in the IDPL; and

(e) the number in which Government propose to improve the situation ?